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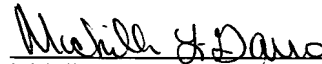
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Copy of International Search Report dated 14 October 2005

Three (3) Foreign Patents

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Respectfully submitted,



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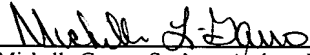
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, relating to the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56.

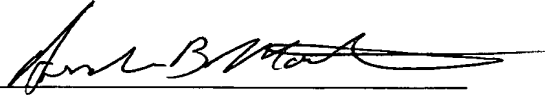
Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes three (3) United States patents, two (2) Japanese Patents and one (1) European patents. Copies of the foreign references are enclosed, as is a copy of the International Search Report dated 14 October 2005. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

No representation is made that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information of which they are aware and that they believe should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of their duty of disclosure.

It should be evident that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject

application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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